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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Showers, CCG/IC

SUBJECT : Product Review Group Requirements for CIRIS Data

1. The Product Review Group requires CIRIS data on a functional, geographic and subject target basis for use in its evaluation studies of U.S. intelligence production activities. The PRG/IC study, "U.S. Intelligence Production Resources," dated 28 March 1972, is an example of the type study which it is expected the PRG will prepare on the basis of CIRIS data.

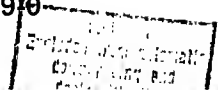
2. The most important use to which the PRG will put CIRIS data probably will be analysis of the linkage between the geographic and subject target priorities listed in the DCID 1/2 Supplement, "U.S. Intelligence Objectives and Priorities," and the pattern of resource use depicted in the CIRIS.

3. It will be important to the PRG research efforts that CIRIS contain the following kinds of information:

- a. Subject target and geographic area break-outs which are compatible with those used in the DCID 1/2 Supplement.
- b. Identification of all units engaged in intelligence production and the dollar and manpower so involved.
- c. Identification of all production activities, by geographic area, in terms of organizational entities, and the dollars and manpower involved.
- d. Identification of all production activities by subject target, in terms of organizational entities, including dollars and manpower involved.

4. It is highly desirable that CIRIS provide a means of examining trends in intelligence production activity through year-to-year comparisons.

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5. For PRG purposes, annual inputs will suffice, but if the requirements of other users calls for more frequent inputs in order to maintain data currency this would be compatible with PRG requirements.

6. Because its frame of reference is product improvement, PRG interest in CIRIS data is focused primarily on information which applies to intelligence production. Availability in the CIRIS of the same break-out of information on collection, processing and support as has been defined in Paragraph 3 for production would markedly enhance the useability of CIRIS for studies of intelligence community activity such as are represented by Annex B, "Current Patterns of Intelligence Resource Use," which is part of the background study for the DCID 1/2 Supplement.

7. It is considered highly important that the intelligence community be able to analyze its activities in terms of geographic and subject targets. CIRIS is currently the only vehicle by which these types of analyses can be made. CIRIS provides an institutional model for evaluation of production output. Within the limits of the care with which CIRIS inputs are formulated, CIRIS provides a matrix for analyzing the type of subjects and the geographic areas of focus of the various production elements of the intelligence community. This is not possible from the standard budget documents. Whatever changes may be made in the CIRIS format as a result of the ongoing examination of CIRIS, PRG considers it essential that reporting by organizational entity, by subject target and by geographic target be retained.



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